THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The 22 countries which participated in the Tenth Indian Engineering Trade Fair (IETF) were Austria, Canada, China Czech Republic, European community, Federal Republic of Germany (partner country). Finland, France, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mauritius, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America. United Nations was also represented at the fair by UNDP, UNIDO and UN-ESCAP.

(c) and (d) Several Joint Ventures and Memorandum of Understanding were signed during the fair—prominent amongst which were :—

— Trivani Engineering Works Ltd's MOU with CEO Alstham.

— Rs. 2300 crores worth MOU in Food Processing Sector signed with U.K.

— German Consortium's decision to invest Deutch Marks 1.4 billion in Tamil Nadu.

— Godrej GE tie-up for manufacturing home appliances.

— MOU between CII and BDI of Germany and CII and CMA of Canada.

— MOU between McNella Bharat Engineering Co. Ltd. and Siemen AG.

— CII signed MOU with Uttar Pradesh for technical education.

(e) and (f) Such fairs lead to progress of the country in future. The basic endeavour of the organisers is to display the latest in technology from all around the Globe. The fair gives a chance to all interested, be it Exhibitors or the vistors to get together and share information and make business deals.

Financial Assistance given by MPEDA in Andhra Pradesh

3313. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantum of financial assistance given by MPEDA for acquaculture in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1991-92 and upto 31-1-93 during the year 1992-93; and

(b) what are the names of companies and individuals who obtained financial assistance from MPEDA ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (b) Information is being compiled and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Flouting of Bank Norms by MMTC

3314. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation had flouted norms on bank deposits;

(b) if so, full facts and details thereof;

(c) whether any corrective measurs are proposed by Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) MMTC had made all short-term deposits of surplus funds during the last five years with public sector banks and financial institutions except in two cases; one in 1987 and another in 1991 when deposits were made by it with City Bank and ANZ Grindlays Bank for a few days. Since 3-1-1992, public sector undertakings have been permitted to undertake normal